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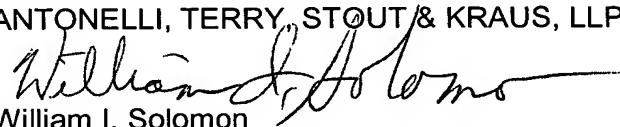
Applicants have amended the specification of the above-identified application, prior to examination of the above-identified application, in order to identify a prior application (Application No. 09/646,036, filed September 13, 2000) being relied upon under 35 USC §120 in the above-identified application, its corresponding International application, and in order to incorporate by reference, in their entirety, the contents of this prior application. Noting particularly that the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 used in the above-identified application is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 submitted in prior Application No. 09/646,036, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.39055CX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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